

# MINUTES City of Flagstaff BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 3, 2014 4:30 pm

City Hall, Finance Conference Room 211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm. On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

Ken Lane, Chair Dave Blanchard Richard Hall Jodi Norris

Members absent:

Jeff Stevenson

Two vacancies

The following City staff was present:

Martin Ince, multi-modal planner

#### Public present:

Mark Aasmundstad Josh Buckman Dwayne Codding Dustin Everson Raul Guevara Trevor Peterson Max Schwartz Nick Sheehan Orion Tom

#### I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 1. Announcements

Mr. Hall wondered about the status of a road that appears to be a private driveway at the end of Lower Coconino Avenue. He said there is a sign that announces access to "Flagstaff Mesa" trails which implies public access for bikes and pedestrians.

#### 2. Public Comment

A number of NAU engineering students announced that they are working on a class project, and would be presenting to the Bicycle Advisory Committee at the May meeting.

Mark Aasmundstad announced that he has joined the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists (CAzB) and was appointed as the Flagstaff representative.

## 3. Approval Of Minutes

Mr. Blanchard made, and Ms. Norris seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

#### II. OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Bikeways planning

Mr. Ince made a short presentation on bikeways planning, which included the following components:

- A short summary of the recommendations from the citizen committee that is examining options for a street maintenance bond, and in particular their recommendations regarding sidewalks, bicycle improvements, FUTS trails, and pedestrian crossings
- A description of the 4 types of cyclists, as developed by the City of Portland and now widely used
- An introduction to a "comfort index" approach to planning bicycle facilities, and the factors to be used to measure how comfortable cyclists are on a given segment of roadway
- A series of maps that illustrate how the bikeways network is reduced for those who are not comfortable on busier or faster streets

- A methodology for using the comfort index and transportation desire lines to prioritize improvements to the bikeway network
- An outline and sample questions for a public survey, to help identify what's working and what needs improvement regarding bicycling in Flagstaff

The Committee had several comments and questions:

- Collecting information on bicyclists' thoughts and opinions is important
- The survey should have wide geographic distribution so all neighborhoods in Flagstaff are represented
- Open-ended questions would be useful
- Can the survey be included in the City's water bill?
- Working with North Country is a good idea

### 2. Bicycle parking inventory and strategies

Mr. Ince reported that they are continuing to work with the school district to provide new bike racks.

#### III. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

#### 1. Bicycle education program

Mr. Ince provided a brief summary of recent and on-going bike education efforts, including:

- Recent LCI seminar, which resulted in 4 new League Cycling Instructors in Flagstaff
- Savvy Cyclist class at FMC during Bike to Work Week
- Distribution of educational materials
- In-service training at the Flagstaff Police Department
- The County's Safe Routes to School program and youth bike rodeos
- NAU's Transportation Action team

Mr. Aasmundstad asked if the in-service training was also for the Coconino County Sheriff's Department, or just for Flagstaff Police Department.

### IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

### 1. Reports

There was no discussion on the Reports.

# 2. Concluding Announcements

Mr. Sheehan asked what the Committee through of the idea of pressure pads in the roadway that activate a lighted "NO RIGHT TURN ON RED" sign when a cyclist is present.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.